

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR MATTER TRANSPORT  
OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF MATTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 6 line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 5",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 7, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 6",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 8, line 1, delete "one of claims 6 or 7",  
insert --claim 6--;  
Claim 10, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 9",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 11, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 10",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 12, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 11",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 13, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 12",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 15, line 1, delete "and claim 14";  
Claim 16, line 1, delete "and claim 13";  
Claim 17, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 16, in which  
superimposition", insert --claim 1, in which superposition--;  
Claim 18, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 17",  
insert --claim 1--;  
Claim 19, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 18",  
insert --claim 1--;

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Claim 21, line 1, delete "one of\* claims 19 or 20",  
insert --claim 19--;

Claim 21, line 4, delete "[\* German "einem" should be  
"einem der"]";

Claim 22, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 21",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 24, line 1, delete "one of claims 19 through 23",  
insert --claim 19--;

Claim 25, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 24",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 27, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 26",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 28, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 27",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 29, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 28",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 30, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 29",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 38, line 1, delete "one of claims 36 or 37",  
insert --claim 36--;

Claim 40, line 1, delete "one of claims 32 through 39",  
insert --claim 32--;

Claim 41, line 1, delete "one of claims 32 through 40",  
insert --claim 32--;

Claim 42, line 1, delete "one of claims 32 through 41",  
insert --claim 32--;

Claim 43, line 1, delete "one of claims 32 through 42",  
insert --claim 32--;

Claim 44, line 1, delete "one of claims 32 through 43",  
insert --claim 32--;

Claim 45, line 1, delete "one of claims 32 through 44",  
insert --claim 32--;

Claim 46, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 45",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 47, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 46",  
insert --claim 31--;

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Claim 48, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 47",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 51, line 2, delete "to stimulate of surface waves",  
insert --to stimulate surface waves therein--;

Claim 53, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 52",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 53, line 3, delete "added give",  
insert --added to give--;

Claim 54, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 53",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 55, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 54",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 56, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 55",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 57, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 56",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 61, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 60",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 62, line 1, delete "one of claims 31 through 61",  
insert --claim 31--;

Claim 63, lines 1 and 2, delete "one of claims 1 through 30 or  
a device according to one of claims 31 through 62",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 64, lines 1 and 2, delete "one of claims 1 through 30 or  
a device according to one of claims 31 through 62",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 65, lines 1 and 2, delete "one of claims 1 through 30 or  
a device according to one of claims 31 through 62",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 66, line 1, delete "one of claims 1 through 30",  
insert --claim 1--;

Claim 67, line 1, delete "claim 40",  
insert --claim 30--.

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Please add the following new claims:

- 68. Use of a device according to claim 31 for specific and direct manipulation of liquids, gases, solid bodies, or combinations, mixtures, and/or dispersions thereof.
69. Use of a device according to claim 31 for specific and direct manipulation of inorganic reagents or organic materials, such as cells, molecules, macromolecules, or genetic materials produced *in vitro* or *in vivo*.
70. Use of a device according to claim 31 to analyze, synthesize, separate, mix, or proportion a small quantity of matter.--


REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee, as well as to place the claims in better form for examination.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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